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H.R. No. 2168

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at
2 the untimely death of Jaime Longoria, Jr., of Edinburg, who passed
3 away on January 27, 2011, at the age of six; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 26, 2004, to Jaime and Sary
5 Longoria, Jaime Longoria, Jr., was soon diagnosed with an extremely
6 serious heart condition that would necessitate five open heart
7 surgeries, two pacemakers, and two artificial heart valves before
8 the age of two and that would ultimately claim his young life; and

9 WHEREAS, Jaime received a heart transplant on January 26,
10 2006; despite remaining at high risk for infection, he took his
11 first steps, and soon grew to enjoy taking walks, watching movies,
12 working on the computer, playing alphabet games, and doing
13 exercises; and

14 WHEREAS, Since birth, Jaime Longoria was treasured by his
15 parents, who were with him every step of the way throughout his
16 medical journey, and he enjoyed the love and prayers of his older
17 siblings, Kristen and Joseph, as well; also providing invaluable
18 support to the family were Mr. Longoria's colleagues at the Texas
19 Secretary of State, a host of caring professionals, including
20 doctors, nurses, therapists, and church leaders, and a teacher and
21 two coaches who spent years visiting the boy at home and teaching
22 him exercises, letters, numbers, and basic life skills; and

23 WHEREAS, Seeking to channel their grief into charity, members
24 of the Longoria family are planning to host a banquet later this

1 year to raise funds to help the siblings of children afflicted with
2 health crises; and

3 WHEREAS, Although it is immeasurably painful to say good-bye
4 to one so young and full of promise, the loved ones and many friends
5 of Jaime Longoria may find comfort in knowing that they surrounded
6 him in the warm embrace of their affection during his time on this
7 earth, and they will forever carry memories of this cherished child
8 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jaime Longoria,
11 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
12 his parents, Jaime and Sary Longoria; to his sister, Kristen
13 Longoria; to his brother, Joseph Longoria; to his grandparents,
14 Maria Flores and Jose and Lala Longoria; and to his other relatives
15 and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jaime
19 Longoria, Jr.